

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 4184 - SB 4116**

March 2, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to report to the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year information concerning enforcement orders, directors' orders, Commissioner's orders, consent orders, final orders, contested cases, final decisions, and complaints that the department was involved in during the prior calendar year. Additionally, TDEC will be required to upgrade its web site to allow all Aquatic Resource Alterations Permit (ARAP) application materials to be submitted online in a secure manner.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$650,000/One-Time  
\$250,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- TDEC will require systems modifications to allow its website to receive permit application documents and to receive payments for such permits.
- TDEC will be required to contract for systems changes and ongoing maintenance. The one-time cost for such changes is estimated to be \$650,000. The recurring cost for system maintenance is estimated to be \$250,000.
- Any increase in cost to TDEC for submitting the required reports is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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